of Management of the Peerless General Finance & Investment Company;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to amend section 408 of the Companies Act retrospectively so as to render the ruling of the High Court infructuous in the interest of the depositors and certificate holders;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and by when the proposed amendment is likely to be brought forward; and

(d) if the answer to (b) above be in the negative, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise, in view of (b) above.

(d) the activities of the subject company are regulated by the Residuary Non-Banking Companies (Reserve Bank) Directions, 1987.

Appointment of Chairman and Managing Director of Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Limited

1991. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the appointment of Shri P. C. Sen as the Chairman and Managing Director of the Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Limited as per the application filed by the Company under Section 269 of the Companies Act;

(b) if so, what is the date on which the appointment was approved; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) No final decision has been taken in the matter.

Energy consumption in different sectors

1992. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the consumption of energy in the agricultural sector has increased;

(b) whether any survey was conducted by the confederation of engineering industries in this regard; and

(c) iff so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Confederation of Engineering Industry (CEI) has not conducted any specific survey in this regard. The figures of energy consumption in the agricultural sector quoted by the CEI in their pamphlet on Power Scenario are based on a publication of the Central Electricity Authority. It shows that the share of agricultural sector in the consumption of electricity has gone up from 6.0 per cent in 1960-61 to 19.1 per cent in 1985-86.

Prices of Rifampicin Formulations

1993. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3723 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th August, 198 8and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of Rifampicin 600 mg and Rifampicin plus INH plus vitamin B6 have not yet been on the reduced price of bulk drug;

(b) if so, when and what are the prices fixed for each;

(c) what was the earlier price of each and when was it fixed alongwith the MAPE allowed;

(d) whether it is a fact that the scheme of price control of finished medicines is being operated for the poor people; and

(e) what steps have been taken to expedite the fixation of prices?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) and (e) A ceiling price of Rs. 9.50 has already been notified for 3's pack of Rifampicin 600 mg capsules under DPCO, 1987, on 15-11-1988 and a price of Rs. 104.21 has been fixed for 4x10's pack of Rifampicin-P capsules produced by M/s. Mercury Labs. based on Rifampicin plus INH plus vitamin B6 on 3-11-1988. Details of prices fixed under DPCO, 1979 are not readily available.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Manufacture of Rifampicin

1994. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry granted permission to certain organised sector units for the manufacture of Rifampicin under delicensing scheme;

(b) if so, what are the details of phased manufacturing programme in each case and what his Ministry allowed;

(c) whether it is a fact that companies are not importing intermediate as per phased manufacturing programme; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Certain organised sector units have been granted registrations for manufacture of Rifampicin under the delicensing scheme.

(b) Under the PMP, manufacture of Rifampicin from intermediate stage is allowed for a period of two years.

(c) and (d) Whenever violation of PMP has come to the notice of the Government appropriate action has been taken.

Determination of Ethambutol Prices

1995. SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the maximum prices for producers of Ethambutol have been fixed with effect from the 17th August, 1988 and if so, what are these prices;

(b) what was the actual production of the base year of each of these producers on which the actual costs were determined;

(c) what is the achievable production that has taken into consideration for each producer for the purpose of determining prices; and

(d) what is the production of each that has been taken into consideration for the purpose of determining weighted average price?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The price of Ethambutol bulk drug has been fixed under DPCO, 1987 as under:—

	Rs. per kg.
M/s. Lupin Ltd.	600.00
M/s. Cadila Labs	984.00
M/s. Themis Ltd.	861.00
M/s. Aarti Ltd.	752.00
Price for formulation	759.00

(b) to (d) The price was fixed based on the recommendation of the BICP.

Production of Ethambutol

1996. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production of Ethambutol is being monitored by his Ministry;